



## Romance rules the stage at the Occidental with the premiere of “Moulin Rouge”

For fans of the Oscar winning film “Moulin Rouge,” or even if one has never seen the Baz Luhrmann film, a great treat awaits on the stage of the Occidental Grand Resort every Monday night. Through the years, the resort has always been known for its entertaining shows in their beautiful live theater, and the premiere of the production of “Moulin Rouge” continues the tradition.

Activities Director Omar Chavez leads the international troupe of professional dancers from all corners of the globe in an elegantly staged production done to the musical score of the movie, with Omar taking the comical part of the head of the theater group made famous by Jim Broadbent in the film. He shows a definite flair for broad comic acting.

Violetta of Bulgaria acts as both lead and choreographer, paired to Eduardo from Venezuela dancing the part of Christian, the young man she truly loves. Erick of Costa Rica is the fey villain of the piece, and the chorus of Radwane, Juriel-Alain, Brandy, and Maria perform the sumptuously staged production numbers that made the film so famous.

The Occidental features shows for their all-inclusive guests every night, but only the Monday production is open to the public, for \$20 U.S. per person. This includes a \$10 match play coupon and a complementary drink in the casino before or after the show. Management professed a plan in the very near future to make the Wednesday and Friday shows, with favorite standbys such as Grease, also available to the public. The show starts at 9:00 P.M, and tickets can be purchased in the casino at the Occidental Grand Resort.

Now that “Moulin Rouge” is available, there is a great alternative for after dinner entertainment, featuring the fabulous score of contemporary hits, beautiful costumes, and wonderful dancing. The audience can be transported for an hour to the “stunning visual feast” that was the original film, only live, on stage!